

# County DIGEST



JUNE 2003

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## Supervisor Burke Tapes Her 87<sup>th</sup> Monthly Television Show

On the third Monday in May, Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke hosted the 87<sup>th</sup> installment of her television show *L.A. County This Month with Yvonne Brathwaite Burke*. The show, going into its eighth year, communicates information about services that are available to people in the Second District through County and nonprofit organizations, and public agencies.

“Most people don’t realize what an important part the County plays in their quality of life,” says the Supervisor. “While there’s recently been a lot of discussion about the health care crisis, there are a lot of programs out there, free of charge, that offer valuable services to County residents.”

Most recently, Supervisor Burke hosted Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen and cosmetics company-owner Barbara Walden on the half-hour show.

“I think this is an excellent time to make



Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke and Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen on the set of Supervisor Burke’s television show in the Comcast Westchester studio. Photo provided by Comcast.

people more aware of the realities of the County budget,” says the Supervisor. “I believe most people think the County runs things more or less the way most individuals do. You know how much income you have, and you decide how much of it you’ll spend or save. But, that’s not how it works with the County.”

She said that in a 13-minute interview with the CAO, called “Secrets of the County Budget,” they explored the fact that most County revenues come from federal and state governments that also mandate how the money should be spent.

“The Board of Supervisors gets to decide how to spend less than ten percent of the entire budget. When people understand that, they realize that we’re not cutting programs just to be mean,” she says.

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## Employee of the Month: Mental Health’s Rosario Medrano

Rosario Medrano has been with the County of Los Angeles for 12 years. She is currently a Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker with the Department of Mental Health. For the past five years, she has worked with the LAPD/Department of Mental Health’s Systemwide Mental Assessment Response Team (SMART), where she is teamed with an LAPD officer responding to 911 calls involving individuals suffering from mental illness or experiencing a severe emotional crisis. She makes psychiatric assessments in the field and helps clients and families in crisis by providing emotional support,

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# EVENT CALENDAR

**Department of Public Social Services**  
**11110 W. Pico Blvd., Conference Room**  
 June 25 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. *County of Los Angeles Wellness Fair*

**Music Center**  
**135 N. Grand Avenue**  
**(213) 850-2000**  
**www.taperahmanson.com**  
**www.musiccenter.org**  
 Ahmanson Theatre  
 July 9 - August 31 - *42nd Street*  
 Dorothy Chandler Pavilion  
 June 26 - 29 - *Joffrey Ballet of Chicago*

**Descanso Gardens**  
**1418 Descanso Dr., La Canada Flintridge**  
**(818) 949-4200**  
**www.descanso.com**  
 June 27 ñ 29 - *33rd Annual Bonsai Show*

**The Ford Amphitheatre**  
**2580 Cahuenga Blvd East, Hollywood**  
**(323) 461-3673**  
**www.fordamphitheatre.com**  
**June**  
 20-22 - *Sonidos Gitanos - Gypsy Flamenco*  
 23-25 - *Vivian Acosta - The Sad Violin*  
 27 - *Campania Marta Carrasco*  
 28 - *A Tribute to Maria Irene Fornes*  
 29 - *By the Hand of the Father*  
**July**  
 5 - *Viver Brasil Dance Company*  
 11 - *MizeranyDance: The Man Clan*  
 12 - *Vivaldi & Piazzolla: The Eight Seasons*  
 16-20 - *Outfest 2003 Under the Stars*  
 21 - *Brahms Piano Trio*

**Hollywood Bowl**  
**2301 North Highland Ave.**  
**Hollywood, CA 90078**  
**www.hollywoodbowl.com**  
 June 27 - *Hollywood Bowl Orchestra - 4th Annual Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame Gala*  
**July**  
 2 - 4 - *Los Angeles Philharmonic - Target July 4th Fireworks Spectacular*  
 5 - *Sing-a-Long: Wizard of Oz*  
 8 - *10 Los Angeles Philharmonic*  
 13 - *Hollywood Bowl Orchestra - Verdi's La Traviata*  
 15 - 17 *Los Angeles Philharmonic*

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## The Music Center Offers Discounts to County Employees

The Music Center is pleased to offer County of Los Angeles employees a \$5 discount on tickets to the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago, performing at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion June 26-29. Tickets are priced from \$25 to \$85.



On Thursday and Friday, the company will perform the Diaghilev program of *Parade, Afternoon of a Faun, and Le Sacre du Printemps*. On Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., the Arpino program will be performed, including the West Coast premiere of the famed choreographer's dance theatre drama *I/DNA, Suite Saint-Saëns, L'Air D'Espirit, and Light Rain* (note: *Sea Shadow* substitutes for *I/DNA* on 6/28 at 2 p.m.)

To purchase tickets, please visit the Box Office at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, show current employee identification and identify yourself using the following ticket code: **BLCE**.

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## Supervisor Yaroslavsky Breaks Ground with High School Students

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (center, in a black suit and holding shovel) joined students from Canoga High School on Earth Day 2003 to break ground for a landscaping and interpretive water quality sculpture project at the Los Angeles River headwaters at the confluence of Bell and Calabasas Creeks near Owensmouth and Vanowen in Canoga Park.

The project is one element of the larger Los Angeles River Master Plan adopted by the Board in 1996, which envisions a variety of projects involving landscaping, enhanced habitat and recreation resources, water quality improvements and flood control uses. This headwaters project entails asphalt removal and replacement with decomposed granite, landscaping with native trees and shrubs, viewing areas, signage and fencing.

Adults joining Yaroslavsky, from the left, are Col. Richard G. Thompson of the Army Corps of Engineers; Susan Loewenberg, producing director for Los Angeles Theatre Works (water sculpture designer); Jim Noyes, director of Public Works; and Dr. Denny Thompson, principal of Canoga High School.



## LACERA Elections

General Members are encouraged to vote in the upcoming LACERA elections for the Third Members of the Board of Retirement and the Board of Investments. The elections will be held on Tuesday, July 22.

Using the employee's address on the Auditor-Controller's master file, ballots will be mailed via US mail on Tuesday, June 24. If you do not receive an original ballot, you may request a duplicate ballot through your Departmental Election Coordinator no later than Thursday, July 10.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk must receive voted ballots before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22. The Board of Supervisors will certify the election results at its meeting on Tuesday, August 12.

For more information, contact your Departmental Election Coordinator.

## JUNE RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** Villafior D. Nunga

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE:** John C. Goodman, Sharon N. Yonashiro

**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Marilyn Vega

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** William R. Gardner

**FIRE:** Albert Durocher Jr., Frederick Garcia, Dennis S. Green, Robert Porter, Albert Vasquez

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Michael Cascarano, Catherine E. Childress, Ronald Gibson, Elnora Gosey, Helen Heard, Patricia Y. Hooper, Robert Mickartz, Mariano T. Paredes, Paul V. Perez, Sharon Pruhs, June Raggett, Brenda J. Singleton, Charlesetta Thompson, Joyce A. Wilson, Carolyn Woods

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Gloria M. Allen

**PROBATION:** Thelma L. Harris, Thomas W. Hope, Jane Martin, Albert Vogler, James E. Williams

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Steven J. Block, Barbara McNeil-Smith, Elaine Richman, Jeanette Thomas

**SHERIFF:** Argie L. Abitbol, Sheldon S. Bloomfield, Gerald E. Burks, Michael Grimes, Stephen P. Pitts, Patrick W. Soll, James Williams

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES:** Yvonne Garcia

**CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES:** Pamela F. Scott

**FIRE:** James M. Del Monte, Robert Harper

**HEALTH SERVICES:** Diane Carlisle, Patricia Leavenworth, Esther Lee, Kathryn A. McAllister, Virginia M. Robinson, Donald Stockenberg, Josephine Wacker, Vernell Wade

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Carolyn E. McDow

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Sandra M. Carney

**PROBATION:** Beverly A. Smith

**PUBLIC DEFENDER:** Frank L. Acosta

**PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** Joel M. Levitz, Carol O. Smith

**REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK:** Josephine T. Moreno

**SHERIFF:** Marilyn A. Delcours, Ronald Fernstrom, Stella M. Jackson, Beverly A. Marcil, Regina Ming, Antonio Rascon, Marcy E. Ruffalo

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referrals or placements. Medrano is proud to work side-by-side with the LAPD with the shared goal of making a difference in a person's life with intervention to prevent unnecessary incarceration and/or hospitalization of mentally ill individuals.

Medrano's fondest memory was working with a young mentally and physically disabled young Hispanic male who had been referred to her from LAPD Missing Persons. The young man who had ventured away from his mother was found by law enforcement and taken to a hospital. Unfortunately, he was unable to communicate information because of his disabilities and speech impediment.

Desperately searching for him for close to a year, his family encountered several barriers which had left their efforts fruitless. After weeks of teamwork, Medrano was able to reunite him with his family. "I think this has been one of the most rewarding moments of my professional life," Medrano said.

"The most fulfilling aspect of my job is to provide assistance to people in need. I believe that I bring a high sense of responsibility, reliability and the energy and compassion necessary to approach daily challenges with a positive attitude," Medrano said. These characteristics are a definite must in public service.

Each year, she donates her time and expertise in organizing the Latino Behavioral Health Institute (LBHI) conference. Rosario says that the LBHI annual conference is one of the nation's premier Latino conferences and has the participation of the County's best-known researchers of Latino Behavioral Health.

With the exception of one sister, who lives in Los Angeles, Medrano's family lives in Chile. "My mother is very proud that I am receiving this recognition," she said with a very large smile.



## Supervisor Knabe Breaks Ground at Adventure County Park Improvement Project



*Supervisor Don Knabe breaks ground on the new Adventure County Park Improvement Project with Parks and Recreation Director Tim Gallagher and Adventure County Park supervisors.*

Supervisor Don Knabe recently broke ground on more than \$4 million worth of improvements and restorations at Adventure County Park in Whittier. A community park for more than 40 years, Adventure County Park provides residents with a wide range of services and classes. The strong volunteer base also inspires positive participation from youth and senior citizens in all aspects of community programming.

"I am very pleased to see these improvements begin," said Knabe, who worked to secure the funding for the Adventure County Park project. "Soon children and families will be able to enjoy these incredible new facilities and ball parks. These parks and recreation centers can become the heart of a community."

Adventure County Park has a variety of programs serving the community, including Tiny Tots, Before-and-After-School Care, Winter Day Camp, Spring Day Camp, Summer Day Camp, L.A. County Teens, Sport Clinics, Self Defense, Toy Loan Program, Ride a Bike program, Ballet & Folk Dancing, Adult Classes, Senior Painting, Dog Obedience, and Woodworks of Whittier.

When the project is completed, residents will have access to a new 12,000 square foot gymnasium, a renovated recreation building, an enclosed courtyard, and two refurbished ball fields. Two new parking lots will provide an additional 130 spaces, and new 10-foot wide sidewalks will connect the gym, recreation center, and ball fields to the parking lots. Two dozen new trees will also be planted throughout the park.

Construction is scheduled to begin this month, concluding in June 2004. Adventure County Park is scheduled to fully re-open in August 2004.

## DHR Employee Helps Raise Funds for the March of Dimes Charitable Giving Campaign

In the annual "Stair Climb to the Top" race sponsored by the Ketchum Downtown YMCA, Magdalena Avila, an analyst with the Department of Human Resources, raised a total of \$1,400 for the March of Dimes charitable giving campaign. The race was held at the Library Tower in downtown Los Angeles and had more than 350 participants, with ages ranging from 18 to 70. At 1,018 feet the library tower is the tallest building west of the Mississippi. The race consists of climbing the 75 floors of the Library Tower, which has 1,500 steps.

Supervisors Don Knabe and Michael D. Antonovich sponsored Avila in the race, along with County employees from various departments. Avila came in at number 17 out of the 37 women in her age group who were competing. All climbers received a commemorative event T-shirt, water, refreshments and a special goodie-bag.



# ENRICHING LIVES... through Sharing A Commitment

## Training Academy Receives National Award



*Joining Supervisors Burke and Knabe are (l-r) Director of Personnel Michael J. Henry, Organizational and Employee Development Division Manager Lu Takeuchi, CSUN Professor of Management Alan Glassman and CSUN College of Extended Learning Director Joyce Feucht-Havier.*

On May 13, the Board of Supervisors honored the County's Employee Training Academy in recognition of its receipt of a national award for its outstanding curriculum.

The University Continuing Education Association, a national organization of higher education administrators, selected the academy for its 2002 Outstanding Non-Credit Program award.

The Department of Human Resources (DHR) created the academy three years ago with California State University at Northridge on the motion of Supervisor Don Knabe. It is now regarded as a national model for public education partnerships.

"The knowledge our employees gain in the academy programs will benefit them for years to come," Knabe said. "I'm proud of the tremendous success this program has had. It has fulfilled all of my expectations and more, and has created a better, more productive County workforce."

The Los Angeles County Training Academy is a unique partnership created to meet the County's workforce training and development needs. The County's Department of Human Resources and the College of Extended Learning at California State University, Northridge jointly administer the academy's programs, which are team-taught by university faculty and County staff.

"We congratulate our University partners for their commitment in working with the County to make the academy a success," said Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, chair of the Board of Supervisors.

"It will ensure that our employees are prepared for the many new challenges that must be addressed by government."

"The academy, which has been in existence for more than three years, has resulted in the delivery of exceptional programs," said Michael J. Henry, director of personnel for the County.

<http://www.losangelescountyacademy.org/>



*Director of Personnel Michael J. Henry (right) and Organizational and Employee Development Division Manager Lu Takeuchi with one of the past graduating classes of the Training Academy.*

“It has been well-received by County departments and the numerous managers and staff who have attended development programs.”

County Chief Administrative Officer David E. Janssen said, “The academy curriculum has effectively linked job-related certificate programs to the County’s business goals and strategies.”

Joining DHR and CSUN as academy participants are California State University campuses in Bakersfield, Dominguez Hills, Long Beach, Los Angeles and Pomona, the Center for Management and Organizational Development at the CSUN College of Business Administration and Economics, local community colleges and various public school districts.

Alan Glassman, Ph.D and CSUN professor of management, said, “The academy’s initial success has exceeded all expectations. The County’s needs were assessed and curriculum development was closely linked to the County’s strategic directions,” he explained.

“County materials are integrated into the curriculum,” Glassman said, adding, “The academy has become a national model for public education partnerships.

“Now that the prototype has been developed, the goals for the current academic year are to extend the programs more fully to other CSU campuses, build additional faculty teams and expand the subject offerings,” he said.

The Training Academy also received a 2001 “Gold Eagle” honor from the County’s Quality and Productivity Commission, and various courses have been cited by the National Association of Counties and the California State Association of Counties.



## County of Los Angeles VISION

Our ***purpose*** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our ***philosophy*** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our shared values:

- ◆ responsiveness
- ◆ professionalism
- ◆ accountability
- ◆ compassion
- ◆ integrity
- ◆ commitment
- ◆ a can-do attitude
- ◆ respect for diversity

Our ***position*** as the premiere organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- ◆ a capability to undertake programs that have public value
- ◆ an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation
- ◆ a pledge to always work to earn the public trust

## Marina del Rey Summer Concert Season Debuts July 10

The third season of Marina del Rey Summer Concerts, presented by Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water, debuts Thursday, July 10, featuring the 70-member Marina del Rey Summer Symphony, conducted by music director Frank Fetta. The Marina Pop Series debuts Saturday, July 19, featuring celebrated jazz singer Karrin Allyson and the Karrin Allyson Quintet. All concerts are presented free to the public.

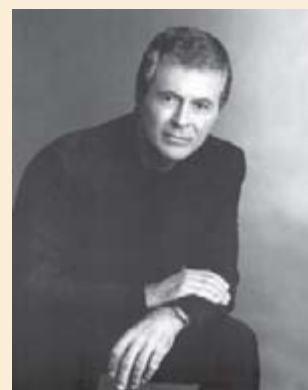
The classical series is presented Thursdays on alternate weeks, July 10, July 24, August 7 and 21. The pop series alternates on Saturdays, July 19, August 2, 16, and 30. All concerts take place waterside in Burton Chace Park, beginning at 7 pm.



Highlights of the classical concerts this year include an August 7th presentation of the third and fourth acts of Giacomo Puccini's *La Boheme* with singers from the Redlands Bowl Opera Theatre, and return performances by pianist John Novacek (*pictured above*) on August 21, as soloist in Manuel de Falla's *Nights in the Gardens of*

Spain and Sergei Prokofiev's Concerto no. 3 in C major, and violinist Robert Cani on July 10, as soloist in the Samuel Barber Violin Concerto. Other composers whose music will be featured by the orchestra this season include Liszt, Copland, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Chabrier, Poulenc, Ibert, Honegger, Griffes, Ravel, Gershwin, Debussy, Grofé, and Turina.

In addition to Karrin Allyson, the star lineup for the pop series includes a return appearance by singer James Darren (*right*) with the Rick Baptist Big Band on August 2; jazz singer Jane Monheit with her Quintet on August 16; and on August 30, singer Patti Austin with the Gregg Field Big Band, reprising her recent Grammy-nominated album *For Ella*.



Media Sponsors for the Marina del Rey Summer Concerts are: classical ñ 105.1 FM K-Mozart, and pop ñ Kjazz 88.1 FM. Sponsors are Supervisor Don Knabe, Department of Beaches and Harbors, The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey, and K-Surf 1260 AM.

Burton Chace Park is located at the west end of Mindanao Way. Ample parking for the concerts is available in County Lot 4 on Mindanao, near the Park, and Lot 5 on Bali Way for \$2. Picnicking in Chace Park prior to the concert is encouraged. It is suggested that concertgoers bring a blanket and beach chair.

This year, for both the Thursday classical and the Saturday pop concerts, concertgoers will have the opportunity of parking their cars and taking the new Marina del Rey Water Shuttle directly to and from the concert site at Chace Park ñ one of the shuttle stops. Other stops are Fisherman's Village, Marina (Mother's) Beach, and the Marina Fire Station. The charge one way for each person is \$1.



## Supervisor Antonovich Initiates Mental Health Reform for the County of Los Angeles

On April 23, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich held a press conference announcing the inauguration of the “Laura’s Law” Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program for the County of Los Angeles. Yolo County Supervisor & former Assemblywoman Helen Thomson (*pictured with Supervisor Antonovich*) and County of Los Angeles Mental Health Director Marvin Southard, D.S.W., also attended the conference.

To address the needs of the mentally ill, the County of Los Angeles is the first California county to implement AB 1421, also known as “Laura’s Law” in reference to the tragic death of Laura Wilcox in 2001 at the hands of a mentally ill individual.

AB 1421 reforms the 1967 Lanterman-Petris-Short law, well-intentioned but misguided legislation that makes it practically impossible for judges or physicians to compel a mentally ill person to accept treatment and medication.

“Laura’s Law will help reduce homelessness, hospitalization and involvement in the criminal justice system, in addition to helping mentally ill individuals receive treatment and avoid relapses,” said Antonovich, who initiated the County’s program.

“Laura’s Law” allows court-ordered outpatient treatment for people who refuse medical treatment — or are unaware they need it. Instead of being sent to a mental hospital, a severely mentally ill person would be given the alternative of accepting outpatient treatment and medication.



## Water Shuttle Service Inaugurated in Marina del Rey

The Marina CoastLink Water Shuttle, a unique weekend and holiday service for visitors and residents in Marina del Rey, was inaugurated on May 16. From 5 to 10 p.m. on Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays through Labor Day, the Shuttle will ferry passengers throughout the Marina, with stops at Fisherman's Village, Chace Park, the Marina Fire Station and Marina (Mother's) Beach.

Operating with two vessels, the new service makes it possible for passengers to view the Marina from the unique perspective of the water. It will also assist in minimizing vehicular traffic throughout the area. The Chace Park stop is fully ADA(handicap) accessible; persons at the other stops who need assistance will be able to travel to Chace Park by

land taxi at no cost in order to experience the Water Shuttle. Cost per passenger for the Shuttle trip is \$1 each way.



*"The Electric Lady," a solar/electric powered vessel, one of two Water Shuttles ferrying passengers to and from four locations throughout Marina del Rey on weekends this summer.*

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The Supervisor's second interview featured a new job training program. Barbara Walden, whose products are sold worldwide, has introduced a new high-quality cosmetics line called "Great Beginnings." The program is open only to female GAIN CalWORKs participants who are interested in becoming make-up artists and salespersons for the line.

Supervisor Burke noted, "This gives women an opportunity to make good money on a schedule over which they have some control, so they won't have to be quite so dependent on the availability of child care."

The program, which was introduced in May, has drawn hundreds of calls from women interested in becoming make-up artists for the line. At first there was some confusion as to who is eligible for the program because its name came from a program called Great Beginnings for Black Babies, originally formed to provide prenatal care for pregnant women at risk of producing underweight babies. "But, Great Beginnings for Black Babies has since evolved to provide services to all pregnant women at risk, without regard to race," says the Supervisor. "Even more to the point, Great Beginnings cosmetics

training is also available to women regardless of race or ethnicity."

Other programs and services covered recently on the show include Electronic Benefits Transfer, the County Office of Emergency Management's new terrorism Emergency Survival Program, the Department of Public Works' new Environmental Education program, the Department of Regional Planning's new Zoning Enforcement outreach, and the South Bay Energy Rewards program.

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"I'm grateful to Comcast for making its facilities and personnel available for this public service," says Supervisor Burke. "We're always looking for good subjects, and I encourage County departments and community-based organizations to contact my office with interview ideas."

## Supervisor Molina Encourages County Residents and Employees to Use Metro Gold Line

Supervisor Gloria Molina is encouraging County residents to use the Metro Gold Line upon its completion in July. The new light rail line spans 13.7 miles and links Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to the Sierra Madre Villa in East Pasadena via Chinatown, Highland Park, South Pasadena, and Pasadena.

This July will mark the beginning of the Metro Gold Line that eventually will be extended to serve East Los Angeles, Molina said, who serves on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board. Mile by mile, we are realizing our vision of a seamless public transportation system connecting all County of Los Angeles residents to each other.

The MTA expects between 26,000 and 32,000 passengers each weekday to ride the Metro Gold Line in its first year of operation. During rush hours, capacity in each rail car is expected to reach 144 passengers (including standees). The MTA will employ 39 full-time train operators and two part-time operators to run the Metro Gold Line.

Fares for a one-way trip will cost just \$1.35 in cash or 90 cents using a pre-purchased discount token. Monthly passes good for unlimited travel cost \$42.

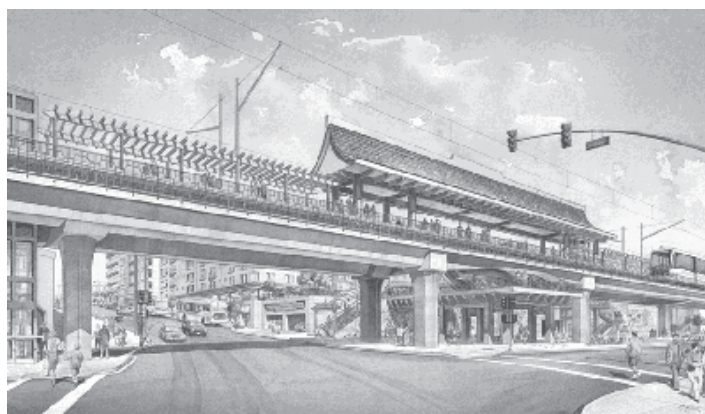
Parking is available near some Metro Gold Line stations, including a 1,000 space parking structure adjacent to the Sierra Madre Villa Metro Gold Line in East Pasadena. In downtown L.A. at Union Station, approximately 1,100 parking spaces are available. Limited parking along the Metro Gold Line route will be provided at the Avenue 26 station (100 spaces), French Avenue station (145 spaces), Fillmore station (160 spaces), and the Del Mar station (600).

Commuters can expect a trip from East Pasadena to Downtown L.A. or vice versa to take approximately 36 minutes. County employees using the Metro Gold Line to commute to the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration would disembark at Union Station in downtown L.A., transfer to the Red Line, and exit at the Civic Center station.

The Metro Gold Line will join the Blue and Green light rail lines and the Red Line subway, which altogether connect Long Beach, Norwalk, Hollywood, the mid-City area, and North Hollywood to downtown L.A. The Blue Line light rail spans 22 miles and runs from Long Beach to the Julian Dixon Metro Center at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Figueroa Street in downtown L.A. The Green Line covers 20 miles and links Redondo Beach to the 605 freeway/105 freeway interchange. The Red Line covers a total of 17.4 miles. It connects Union Station in downtown L.A. to the Wilshire Boulevard/Vermont Avenue station in the mid-

city area. At this point, the Red Line divides, and passengers opt to travel either to North Hollywood or to the Wilshire Boulevard/Western Avenue station.

For more details about the Metro Rail and Metro Bus system, including access to an interactive trip planner, log on to the MTA's Web site at [www.mta.net](http://www.mta.net) or call (800) COMMUTE.



*The Metro Gold Line Chinatown Station is the only elevated station on the route. It includes both traditional Chinese and international design motifs to reflect the diverse history of the neighborhood.*

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#### **Los Angeles County Museum of Art**

**5905 Wilshire Blvd.**

**(323) 857-6000**

**[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)**

June 29 - September 28 - *Modigliani & the Artists of Montparnasse*

#### **Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County**

**900 Exposition Blvd.**

**(213) 763-3466**

**[www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org)**

June 22 - September 7 - *Machu Picchu: Unveiling the Mystery of the Incas*

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- Receive more than 2,000 requests daily for certified copies of birth, death and marriage certificates.
- Issue 60,000 marriage licenses and perform 9,000 marriage ceremonies annually.
- Maintain more than 100 million deeds, mortgages, liens and other real estate records.
- Investigate more than 150,000 emergency child abuse and neglect referrals annually.
- Handle the adoptions of more than 2,800 children each year and perform assessments for more than 400 independent adoptions.
- Supervise 50,000 children monthly, approximately 32,000 of whom are placed in foster homes.
- Serve 1.7 million meals to the elderly annually, including \$800,000, to persons who are homebound.
- Assist 2,215 domestic violence victims annually in our 22 domestic violence shelters and respond to 10,000 domestic violence calls.
- Provide summer employment to 5,200 youths and job training to 6,700 adults annually.
- Provide services to 1.6 million people annually at our community and senior centers, including 302,000 senior citizens.
- Resolve 8,200 dispute resolution cases annually, and assist 57,000 individuals.
- Investigate 15,200 senior and dependent adult abuse cases annually.
- Provide in-home supportive services to approximately 123,339 aged, blind and disabled residents.
- Provide cash assistance to approximately 543,175 individuals and families.
- Offer employment-related services to approximately 75,609 CalWORKs participants and 728,858 General Relief recipients.
- Provide Medi-Cal coverage to approximately 751,462 adults and children.
- Provide mental health services to 172,000 people with mental illness, and respond to 7,800 calls to assist police in handling disruptive mentally ill persons.
- Are the conservator to 4,700 mentally ill and frail elderly adults.
- Care for 19,508 inmates each day at seven County jails.



### **Members of the Board**

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Second District

**Gloria Molina**  
First District

**Zev Yaroslavsky**  
Third District

**Don Knabe**  
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